

A
Letter from a Gentleman at F E Z
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Person of Honour in L O N D O N,

Concerning the Death of the Ambassador from the Emperour of Fez,
 and Morocco, to His Majesty of Great Britain.

T Here having been many false Relations spread abroad concerning the Ambassador of Fez and Morocco, since his departure hence, and being unwilling that an action so remarkable, and a person so noted, should be stifled in a confused heap of falshood, and imaginary inventions: I thought fit to give you this true Copy of a Letter from a person of Repute now residing in Fez, to a person of Honour in London, (viz.)

Honoured Sir,

S Ince my last to you, here has been a very strange alteration; for the Ambassador, with the Secretary, that were lately in England from this Empire, have been called to account by the Emperour, for a Quarrel that happened between them on Ship-board at their return from England; And the Emperour declared, they should both suffer death; the Secretary for affronting the Ambassador, (who then represented the Emperour's person) and the Ambassador for not Executing the Secretary at the same instant the affront was given. The Ambassador pleaded, it was on board one of the King of England's Men of War, where it would not be suffer'd by the Captain; satisfying him likewise what great power and command a Captain of an English Man of War has; But the Emperour would be satisfied with nothing less than both their lives, and so ordered them immediately to be torn in pieces with Horses; but some great men of his Court begg'd that they might not be put to so cruel a death; whereupon he renounced that Sentence, and order'd that they should be tied to a Tree, and whipt; which this day was begun in my presence; which was a very miserable sight. They were not quite dead when I wrote this. Pardon my being so short in this Relation, for the Pacquet was in such hast, that I had scarcely time to write this.

Your Honours most humble Servant,

Fez November 3d.

A. B.

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Letter from a Gentleman at FEZ

Person of Honour in LONDON

Concerning the Death of the Emperor of the East Indies, and his Majesty of Great Britain.

There having been many false reports abroad concerning the Ambassador of Fez and Morocco, since his departure, and being unwilling that my name should be so abused, I thought fit to give you this copy of a letter from a person of Reputation residing in Fez, to a person of Honour in London.

Since my return to Fez, there has been a very singular account, that for the Emperor of the East Indies, who was lately in England from his Embassy, have been called to account by the Emperor, for a Quantity that happened between them on ship board, and that they were sent to prison. And the Emperor declared, that he would not suffer such a person to return, for not respecting the Ambassador, (who then resided in the Emperor's person) and the Ambassador for not respecting the Secretary at the same instant the matter was given. The Ambassador pleaded, it was on board one of the ships of England's Men of War, where it would not be suffered by the Captain; saying him likewise what power he commanded a Captain of an English Man of War has; and that he would be satisfied with nothing but that both their lives, and to ordered them immediately to return back with Honour; but some great men of his Court being of the contrary opinion, he to himself a great deal, whereupon he returned to Fez, and ordered that they should be sent to a Tree, and whip; which this day was begun in my presence, which was a very terrible sight. They were not quite dead when I wrote this. Reason my being so far in this Relation for the Emperor was in such haste, that I had scarcely time to write this.

From Fez, your most humble Servant, A. B. FEBRUARY 24. 1705.